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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tung S. Lau

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 23,24,26-38,40-50 and 52-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23,24,26-38,40-50 and 52-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 08/10/2005 has been entered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 23, 25, 26, 34, 35, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55, 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rompe (U.S. Patent 5,903,856).

Regarding claim 23:

Rompe discloses a method of estimating a usable battery capacity for a mobile device, comprising: determining one or more operating condition of the mobile device (Col. 5-6, Lines 65-40), determining a present loaded battery voltage of the mobile device (Col. 6, Lines 17-28); determining a present unloaded battery voltage based on the present loaded battery voltage and one or more operating

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condition (Col. 6, Lines 8-55); determining a present battery capacity using the present unloaded battery voltage (Col. 6, Lines 17-28) ; determining a loaded operational threshold voltage of the mobile device (Col. 6, Lines 28-64), the loaded operational threshold voltage being a battery voltage below which an operation of the mobile device is shut off (fig. 5), and at least one operation of the mobile device remains operable (Col. 6-7, Lines 65-2) ; determining an unloaded operational threshold voltage of the mobile device based on the loaded operational threshold voltage and the one or more operating condition (fig. 4); determining an operational threshold capacity using the unloaded operational threshold voltage (fig. 4), and estimating the usable battery capacity based on the present battery capacity and the operational threshold capacity (fig. 4, 5).

Regarding claim 37:

Rompe discloses a method of estimating the capacity of a battery to power a predetermined feature of a battery operated device, the predetermined feature operable when the battery is above a corresponding shut off voltage (fig. 5), the method comprising: measuring a battery voltage (fig. 4, 5); determining an unloaded battery voltage by translating the measured battery voltage to take into account a load on the battery (fig. 4); determining at least one shut off voltage by translating the shut off voltage to take into account the load on the battery (fig. 5, Col. 6, Lines 17-28); determining a battery capacity using the unloaded battery voltage (fig. 5); determining a shut off capacity using the unloaded shut off voltage (Col. 6, Lines 17-27, fig. 5); and estimating an estimated capacity for the

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predetermined feature as a difference between the shut off capacity and the battery capacity (Col. 6-7, Lines 48-14, fig. 4, 5); wherein the predetermined feature will shut off if the battery falls below the shut off capacity. And wherein at least one feature of the battery operated device will remain operational if the battery falls below the shut off capacity (Col. 6-7, Lines 48-23).

Regarding claim 48:

Rompe discloses a mobile device, comprising: a battery configured to power the mobile device, one or more sensor circuits configured to measure one or more operating conditions of the battery (fig. 3), a battery voltage measurement circuit configured to measure a present loaded battery voltage of the battery (fig. 5); a battery capacity estimation program configured to (1) determine a present unloaded battery voltage based on the present loaded battery voltage and the one or more operating conditions of the battery (fig. 4), and (2) determine a present battery capacity using the present unloaded battery voltage (fig. 4, 5); the battery capacity estimation program being further configured to (1) determine a loaded operational threshold voltage of the mobile device, the loaded operational threshold voltage being a battery voltage below which an operation of the mobile device is shut off, but at least one operation of the mobile device remains operational (Col. 6-7, Lines 48-24) , (2) determine an the loaded operational threshold voltage of the mobile device based on the loaded operational threshold voltage and the one or more operating parameters (fig. 5), and (3) determine an operational threshold capacity using the unloaded operational threshold voltage

(fig. 4); and the battery capacity estimation program being further configured to estimate a usable battery capacity based on the present battery capacity and the operational threshold capacity (fig. 4, 5,)

Regarding claim 26, Rompe discloses the mobile device includes a profile table that relates a plurality of battery profile values with the one or more operating conditions of the mobile device, and wherein the profile table is used to determine the present loaded battery voltage, the present battery capacity, the unloaded operational threshold voltage and the operational threshold capacity (Col. 5, Lines 35-65); Regarding claim 34, Rompe discloses accessing the profile table to translate the operating condition into a battery profile value; adjusting the battery profile value by a correction factor to generate a corrected battery profile value (Col. 4, Lines 24-37); and using the corrected battery profile value to determine the present battery capacity and the operational threshold capacity (Col. 4, Lines 24-37, fig. 4, 5); Regarding claim 35, , Rompe discloses resistance of the battery (Col. 4, Lines 48-55) ; Regarding claims 31, 54, , Rompe discloses including temperature (Col. 6, Lines 17-28); Regarding claims 32, 55, Rompe discloses including current (Col. 6, Lines 48-55); Regarding claims 33, 56, , Rompe discloses including transmitting power of the mobile device (fig. 5); Regarding claim 36, Rompe discloses remaining time based on capacity (fig. 4, 5); Regarding claim 39, Rompe discloses shut off voltage (fig. 5, unit PS4);

Regarding claim 40, Rompe discloses determining a battery current delivered by the battery (fig. 4, 5); determining a predetermined threshold capacity corresponding to a battery capacity required to continue to deliver the battery current for a predetermined amount of time (fig. 4, 5); and comparing the estimated capacity to the predetermined threshold capacity (fig. 4, 5); Regarding claim 41, Rompe discloses identifying when the estimated capacity is less than the predetermined threshold capacity (fig. 4, 5); and in response to identifying that the estimated capacity is less than the predetermined threshold capacity (fig. 4, 5), triggering a predetermined action on the battery operated device (Col. 6-7, Lines 48-15, fig. 4, 5); Regarding claim 44, Rompe discloses the predetermined action is displaying the estimated capacity, the estimated capacity being displayed in terms of the predetermined amount of time after which the predetermined function be shut off (Col. 6-7, Lines 56-14) ; Regarding claim 46, Rompe discloses determining a battery current delivered by the battery occurs at the time of the battery estimation (Col. 6, Lines 48-55); Regarding claim 49, Rompe discloses a profile table stored in one or more memory location on the mobile device and accessible by the battery capacity estimation program (abstract), the profile table relating a plurality of battery profile values with the one or more operating conditions of the mobile device (abstract); wherein the battery capacity estimation program is configured to use the profile table to determine the present unloaded battery voltage (fig. 4, 5), the present battery capacity (fig. 4, 5), the unloaded operational threshold voltage and the

operational threshold capacity (fig. 4, 5); Regarding claim 51, Rompe discloses the loaded operational threshold voltage is a battery voltage below which the mobile device is shut off (fig. 5, PS4);

Regarding claim 47, Rompe discloses 47 determining an unloaded battery voltage by translating the measured battery voltage to take into account the load on the battery includes the step of determining at least one operating condition for the battery operated device selected from the group consisting of determining an effective serial resistance for the battery (fig. 4, 5), determining a temperature of the battery operated device (Col. 6, Lines 17-28) , applying a correction parameter, determining the transmit power, and determining an idle state (Col. 4, Lines 24-51).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

a. Claims 24, 38, 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rompe (U.S. Patent 5,903,856) in view of Branham (U.S. Patent 4,297,639) .



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Rompe discloses the method and device including the subject matter discussed above except use of radio wireless network, Branham discloses radio wireless network (Col. 1, Lines 20-39), in order to connect mobile devices for easy communication (Col. 1, Lines 20-39).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Rompe to have the use of radio wireless network taught by Branham in order to connect mobile devices for easy communication (Col. 1, Lines 20-39).

b. Claims 27, 28, 29, 30, 42, 43, 45, 52, 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rompe (U.S. Patent 5,903,856) in view of Weiss (U.S. Patent 5,949,219).

Rompe discloses the method and device including the subject matter discussed above except issue a warning, Weiss discloses issue a warning (Col. 2, Lines 14-27), in order not to get stranded even having the mobile device (Col. 2, Lines 14-27).

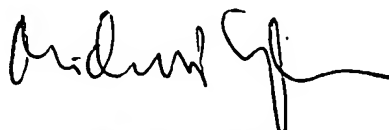
It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Rompe to have issue a warning taught by Weiss in order not to get stranded even having the mobile device (Col. 2, Lines 14-27).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung S Lau whose telephone number is 571-272-2274. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

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